

**Pinkney Hawkins to Clement Read, May 10, 1758,
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FROM PINKNEY HAWKINS.

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DEAR SIR

Last Thursday Co[???]ll. Witton Order'd me out to Blackwater Fort to Release Capt. Cargill tho Instead of Releaving any we want five Times as many more, Tuesday Morning I Received an Express from Co[???]ll. Talbott to March immediately to Join Capt. Mead with another party of men to follow some Indians that had done some Mischef on Goose Creek we follow'd hard after Still till this Morning about 10 OClock we Came to an engagement in which we were forced to give Ground, by all that I Can gether from my men & Com.y we have killed 16 or 17 of them, we have Six Men Mising tho hope they are not all killed for they Still keep Comeing inn the Battle was faught 9 Miles from hence; if Lieutenant Mitchell has not 30 Men Make up that Quantity and 30 More besides at Least, the Wood is full of Indians and few White; we faught 35 Men to at Least By all Accts. vs 70 or 80 Indians, I offered them a parley which Occasion'd me to fall in their hands, they beat me and Strip'd me and then sent me away, pray dont fail making Mitchell's Company Sixty men for these back Parts wholely Depend on Lunenburg for Sucker; healp is now so much wanting that these Parts dont Gett Immediate help Coll. Talbott will be the frontear house in one Weak, pray be as expeditious as Possible

I am Dear Sir Yr. Most hbl Sert. &ca. PINKN. HAWKINS

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P. S. pray be so good as to Write to my Brother I have no time Likewise to James Coleman that his son is well. P. H.

To COLL. CLEMENT READ Lunenburgh.

DR. SIR

in what Manner Shall I Represent to you the Horror and anxieties that at this time reigns among our Inhabitants (indeed as I have not words I must be Silent and Leave it to your imagination) Occasioned by these banditties of Cherokees who daily are traveling through our County (either as they Say) going to Winchester or returning from thence in which travel they Rob our houses of all things they Like So that oftentime they Leave us not one rag of Cloaths to Shift our Selves withall nor never a horse to goe mill or plough withall, yet these people are Called our friends our people will bear it no Longer Indeed I think they have bore it to Long already and I do not know but the persons who have exerted them Selves in defence of their rights and properties may be Called to a Strict account for it, but if nobody all persons had the Same Sentiments of it that I have, they would incourage and Commend them for their bravery and Resolve resolution in not tamely resigning up their Goods when they Can get no restitution for them a Specimen of which you have in the affidavit of Timothy Dalton which I have Inclosed in the Letter to the president and have Left open for you to peruse and beg youl Seal it before it goe from you and beg youl Send it away as Soon as you Can that I may have an answer and See what Measures are to be taken in it the men not one of them will budge a foot I beg youl write to me and Give me your Sentiments on the affair, Last Sunday there passed by 33 Indians in another parCel which Robed and pillaged as they went Capt. mead with Seventen men went in pursuit of them and wrote to me to beg I would Send him Some assistance on which Letter (which I Shall Incll Inclose to you a Copy) I Sent an Express to Pinkey Hawkin (who went from my house the evening before) to Join mead—and if they Come up with the Indians as I expect they will and the Indians will not deliver the Horses and other things they have Stole a Battle will insue for our people is determined to bear Such usage no

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Longer—our County County is intirely broke by them I really bleive if the people Continue to move as they have done I shall be Left the frontier plantation toward Blackwater fort before the Last of this week (that is where no men are Stationed) I have been uneasey ever Since Sunday that I have not heard from you for it is from you and only you that I expect relief from, I beg if this Come to yr. Hand before you Send to me that youl be so good as to Send Isham up to me to be Some assistance to me in these troublesome times for I am very much afraid I must move my wife and what Small effects to Some place of Safety and I wish you would be pleased to Look out for a west house a Small one would do for my wife and I though I will be hear as Long as I Can Yr. Compliance will Greatly

oblige Dr. Sir yr very Hble Sert. MATTW. TALBOT

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Ps SIR I beg youl Hasten up what men you design for our relief Dr Sir I beg youl Let Isham Come up to me directly and be So good as to Send me a 100 flints and if you have not a horse to Spare Let him Come afoot the Bearer if you order him will goe to Wmburgh with the Letter to the President—I this minute Recd yrs by Hicks and alas See our frontiers (as you observe) is) Little regarded I Sent Hicks to Augusta with the Letters for there and have Sent a Messenger to Colo. Howard to Albemarle—if I had the Eloquence of Cicero I Could not tell you the anxiety of my Soul at this time for my Self family and Inhabitants here—Keith Daughter is dead Likewise I am informed to day that Bruff wife is Likewise dead

[Here follows a copy of the letter of Wm. Mead from James Turner's Goose Creek May ye. 8 1758]

DR. SIR/Theo. Morgan is at my house now but time will not permit me to give you an acct. of it through mistake I broke open yr. Letter for God Sake Send help immediately I refer you to MeSheer Hole for farther particulars.

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To CLEM. READ ESQ Lunenburgh for God Sake Send us all the assistance you Likewise
order us arms a[???]munition and flints immediately